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SUBJ: NUCLEAR ENERGY: PRESIDENT OF AEOI ADDRESSES IRAN CONFERENCE

ON TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY; ENGLISH LANGUAGE TEHRAN PRESS

COVERAGE OF PRESIDENT CARTER'S NUCLEAR ENERGY POLICY

STATEMENT

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1. BEGIN SUMMARY: SPEECH OF DR. AKBAR ETEMAD, PRESIDENT OF ATOMIC ENERGY ORGANIZATION OF IRAN (AEOI), ON OCCASION OF OPENING OF SHIRAZ CONFERENCE ON TRANSFER OF NUCLEAR TECHNOLOGY ON APRIL 10, WAS CRITICAL OF "IMPOSITION OF INCREASINGLY STRINGENT TERMS FOR NUCLEAR TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER" BY WESTERN SUPPLIER NATIONS. ETEMAD ASSERTED THAT WESTERN NATIONS ACTING IN CONCERT IN THIS FASHION VIOLATED SPIRIT OF NPT. PRESS COVERAGE TEHRAN APRIL 12 ALLEGED DISAPPOINTMENT BY SEVERAL LDC DELEGATES OVER CARTER'S NUCLEAR  
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POLICY STATEMENT ON GROUNDS RESTRICTIONS ON NUCLEAR TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER WOULD HURT UNDERDEVELOPED COUNTRIES. DIRECTOR GENERAL OF IAEA VIENNA WAS QUOTED EXTENSIVELY BY TEHRAN PRESS AS OPPOSING CARTER'S STATEMENT ON SEVERAL GROUNDS. END SUMMARY.

2. ENGLISH LANGUAGE KAYHAN INTERNATIONAL ON APRIL 11 CARRIED THE HIGHLIGHTS OF THE ADDRESS PREVIOUS DAY BY DR. AKBAR ETEMAD,

PRESIDENT OF THE AEOL, ON THE OCCASION OF THE OPENING OF THE CONFERENCE ON THE TRANSFER OF NUCLEAR TECHNOLOGY IN SHIRAZ, APRIL 10-14. ETEMAD SAID THAT THE IMPOSITION OF INCREASINGLY STRINGENT TERMS BY WESTERN SUPPLIERS GOVERNING TRANSFER OF NUCLEAR TECHNOLOGY IS IN CONTRADICTION OF THE SPIRIT AND LETTER OF THE NPT. ETEMAD WENT ON TO SAY THAT THIS APPROACH ON THE PART OF THE SUPPLIER NATIONS GENERATES ITS OWN INCENTIVES FOR PROLIFERATION AND DENIES MANKIND VITALLY NEEDED TECHNOLOGY. ETEMAD SAID THAT THE ADHESION OF THE NON-NUCLEAR COUNTRIES TO THE NPT, MOTIVATED BY "THE DESIRE FOR THE SOVEREIGN USE OF NUCLEAR TECHNOLOGY FOR DEVELOPMENT PURPOSES...IN A HEALTHY INTERNATIONAL CLIMATE," STOOD IN SHARP CONTRAST TO THE ATTITUDE OF "DOMINANT SUPPLIERS IN THE EWST.

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ETEMAD WENT ON TO CRITICIZE THIS SUPPLIER APPROACH, CHARACTERIZING IT AS UNILATERALLY "DEFINING AND IMPOSING POLICIES AND GUIDELINES FOR THE TRANSFER, OR RATHER NON-TRANSFER, OF SO-CALLED SENSITIVE NUCLEAR TECHNOLOGIES." THE PRESERVATION AND PROMOTION OF "TECHNOLOGY MONOPOLY", ETEMAD SAID, COULD ONLY FRUSTRATE THE NPT. EMBASSY WILL OBTAIN COMPLETE TEXT OF ETEMAD'S SPEECH AND TRANSMIT TO WASHINGTON.

3. ENGLISH LANGUAGE KAYHAN INTERNATIONAL AND TEHRAN JOURNAL FOR APRIL 12 CARRIED BOLD HEADLINES ASSERTING THAT NEW U.S. POLICY "IS NEW NUCLEAR STORM" AND THE U.S. FACES "ISOLATION OF NUCLEAR POLICY." TEHRAN JOURNAL'S CORRESPONDENT COVERING SHIRAZ CONFERENCE QUOTED DIRECTOR GENERAL OF IAEA (SIGVARD EKLUND), REPRESENTATIVES FROM WESTERN GERMANY (BECKURTS), INDIA (RAJA RAMANNA), AND PAKISTAN (MUNIR AHMAD KHAN) AS CRITICIZING ANNOUNCED U.S. POLICY ESSENTIALLY ON GROUNDS THAT POLICY FRUSTRATED TRANSFER LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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OF NUCLEAR TECHNOLOGY TO THE LDCS. CRITICISM OF WESTERN GERMAN REP WAS MUTED AND CIRCUMSPECT (BUT NONETHELESS EVIDENT), WHILE THAT OF CHAIRMAN F AEC OF PAKISTAN CONSIDERABLY MORE BLUNT.

4. BOTH KAYHAN AND TEHRAN JOURNAL FEATURED EXTENSIVE QUOTES ATTRIBUTED TO DR. EKLUND, DIRECTOR GENERAL OF IAEA. CONCEDED THAT HE HAD NOT YET STUDIED OFFICIAL TEXT OF PRESIDENT CARTER'S STATEMENT, HE NONETHELESS WENT ON TO ASSERT THAT UNIFORM APPLICATION OF THE POLICY WOULD VIOLATE PROVISIONS OF NPT ON TRANSFER OF NUCLEAR TECHNOLOGY. EKLUND SAID THAT IAEA'S SAFEGUARDS WERE ADEQUATE ENOUGH TO PREVENT THE SPREAD OF NUCLEAR ARMS AND, WHILE THESE SAFEGUARDS WERE NOT PERFECT, CERTAINLY THEY WERE MOST VALUABLE. HE HINTED THAT PRESIDENT CARTER'S STATEMENT MIGHT DISRUPT THE CONFIDENCE DEVELOPED OVER THE YEARS BETWEEN IAEA AND MEMBER NATIONS. USINFOS ON APRIL 12 TEHRAN PRESS COVERAGE FOLLOW VIA SEPTTEL.

5. COMMENT: ETEMAD'S VIEWS ON THE SO-CALLED "CLUB OR MONOPOLY OF WESTERN POSSESSORS OF NUCLEAR TECHNOLOGY," AS HE SEES IT,

VIS-A-VIS THE NON-NUCLEAR LDCS ARE WELL KNOWN AND HAVE BEEN REPORTED FREQUENTLY BY THE EMBASSY IN THE PAST. IT IS NOT SURPRISING THAT DR. ETEMAD USED THE SHIRAZ CONFERENCE AS A FORUM ONCE AGAIN TO HAMMER AWAY AT HIS FAVORITE THEME, VIS, THE IMPOSITION OF RESTRICTIONS ON NUCLEAR TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER BY

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WESTERN SUPPLIERS ACTING IN CONCERT DAMAGES THE LDCS. ACCORDING TO THE EMBASSY SCIENCE ATTACHE, WHO IS COVERING SHIRAZ CONFERENCE, ETEMAD'S OPENING DAY STATEMENT WAS NOT PERCEIVED BY THE IRANIAN FOREIGN DELEGATES AS IN ANY SENSE AN OFFICIAL RPT OFFICIAL GOI REACTION TO PRESIDENT CARTER'S NUCLEAR POLICY STATEMENT. APRIL 11 PRESS COVERAGE OF ETEMAD'S STATEMENT DOES NOT QUOTE HIM AS EXPLICITLY CRITICIZING U.S. ON RECENT NUCLEAR POLICY STATEMENT. NONETHELESS, EMBASSY HAD GIVEN DR. ETEMAD SOME OF THE IDEAS WHICH SOON-TO-BE-ANNOUNCED POLICY STATEMENT WOULD CONTAIN AND IT IS CLEAR THAT ETEMAD'S STATEMENT TOUCHED UPON SOME OF THE POINTS MADE IN PRESIDENT CARTER'S STATEMENT. WE UNDERSTAND THAT ETEMAD'S STATEMENT WAS SYMPATHETICALLY RECEIVED BY NEARLY ALL OF THE LDC PARTICIPANTS. SOME OF THE U.S. DELEGATES, HOWEVER, FOUND THE ETEMAD STATEMENT A BIT TOO STRONG AND EVIDENTLY A FAIRLY LIVELY INTERCHANGE BETWEEN IRANIANS AND OTHER LDC PARTICIPANTS ON THE ONE HAND AND U.S. DELEGATES ON THE OTHER DID ENSUE IN AN AFTERNOON PANEL SESSION.

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